

BEGINNING OF REVIEW/PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Certificate of Need application has been submitted to the Department of Health on behalf of Virginia Mason Medical Center under the provisions of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38. This application proposes to establish an ambulatory surgery center in the city of Federal Way, within King County. There is no capital expenditure associated with this project.

The Certificate of Need Program shall convene a public hearing in accordance with Washington Administrative code (WAC) 246-310-180 on Monday, June 12, 2006, beginning at 10:30 AM at the Federal Way Regional Library, 34200 1st Way South, in Federal Way. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to submit information to the department regarding the Virginia Mason Medical Center proposal. **Individuals speaking at the public hearing will be limited to 3 minutes.** Therefore, written comments are encouraged.

In order to be considered by the department, any data, comments, or arguments regarding the application must be submitted either at the hearing on June 12, 2006, or received by regular or overnight mail at the Certificate of Need Program office, Department of Health, 310 Israel Road Southeast, Post Office Box 47852, Olympia, Washington 98504-7852, on or before 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2006. **Faxed comments will not be accepted.**

Under the provisions of WAC 246-310-160(a), affected parties may reserve their right to respond to information during the rebuttal period if they are located or reside within the applicant's health service area; **provide oral or written comments at a public hearing; and** request, in writing, to be informed of the department's decision. The Department of Health's review should be completed by August 11, 2006.

If you are limited in English speaking or hearing impaired, a qualified interpreter can be appointed. Braille or taped information can be made available for individuals with visual impairments. Individuals requiring these services should contact Randy Huyck at (360) 236-2958 by June 5, 2006. The location of the public hearing is barrier free. The Federal Way Regional Library does not sponsor this event.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the application, please call Randy Huyck with the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2958.